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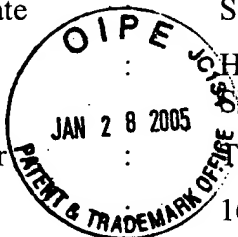
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR PATENT APPLICATIONS CONTAINING SEQUENCE DISCLOSURES

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Sir:

This is in response to the Notice to Comply mailed December 17, 2004, setting a two-month term for reply. As this response is being filed prior to the end of the period for reply, it is believed that no extension fees are required. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee occasioned by this paper, or credit any overpayment in fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

The Notice to Comply alleges that a statement that the content of the sequence listing information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing and includes no new matter. The Notice further alleges that a copy of the sequence listing in computer readable form has not been submitted. These assertions are incorrect.

Enclosed is a copy of the Preliminary Amendment that was filed with this application on September 3, 2004, along with a paper copy of the Sequence Listing, also submitted on September 3, 2004. The Preliminary Amendment directs entry of the Sequence Listing into the application, contains the required statements under 37 CFR 1.821, and further requests that the computer readable form of the sequence listing from a prior application be used in this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(e).

Therefore, the requirements set forth in the Notice to Comply have already been met. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Notice and early and favorable consideration of the application on the merits are requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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